### REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

#### CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of August 22nd, 2005

# Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

# **Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On July 30, 2005, the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department responded to an apartment in Northeast Washington, D.C., and found a male victim suffering from stab wounds to the heart, lung, and abdomen. The victim was transported to Prince George's County Hospital where he was admitted in critical condition. Police on the scene received information that the victim, who was having a party, and Michael Glasko, who had just left the party, got into a verbal altercation in the parking lot outside of the party. Glasko allegedly became verbally abusive and argumentative and ultimately stabbed the victim when he began to walk away. On August 15, 2005, detectives from the Metropolitan Police Department secured a warrant out of D.C. Superior Court, charging Glasko with assault with intent to kill while armed. On that same date, the case was turned over to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for apprehension. Task Force officers pursued Glasko relentlessly for several days and on August 23, 2005, located Glasko at a residence in Hyattsville, Maryland. Task Force officers located the fugitive hiding in a closet and took him into custody.



Michael Glasko

Wanted for Assault with Intent to Kill While Armed

# **Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On August 10, 2005, Kenneth Vann-Neal allegedly shot a male victim point blank in the head, killing him. On August 11, 2005 a warrant was issued for Vann-Neal's arrest in Carbondale, Illinois. On August 22, 2005, the Carbondale, Illinois Police Department requested the assistance of the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) in locating and apprehending Kenneth Vann-Neal. On August 24, 2005, members of the GLRFTF, with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG), developed a possible location for Vann-Neal and set up surveillance on the address. GLRFTF members observed a male, matching Vann-Neal's description, at the residence. Approximately 30 minutes later, the subject left the residence on a bicycle carrying a garbage bag. Task Force members stopped the subject several blocks away and asked him his name, at which point, the subject stated his name was Kenneth Vann-Neal. Vann-Neal then began to fight with Task Force members. After a brief foot chase and another struggle with arresting officers, the subject was taken into custody.



Kenneth Vann-Neal

**Wanted for Murder** 

#### New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On August 26, 2005 the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF) arrested James Carson, who was wanted by the Camden City, New Jersey Police Department on charges of attempted murder, kidnapping, and armed robbery. The charges resulted from an incident which occurred in Camden on July 25, 2005 in which Carson forcibly kidnapped a male victim at gunpoint, transported him to a remote area in Camden, robbed him of his belongings, and then shot him once in the back of the head, execution-style. The victim sustained massive injuries from the attack, but survived. An investigation by the NY/NJ RFTF developed a location for the subject at a residence in Camden. On August 26, 2005, Task Force members arrested the subject at that residence as he was attempting to jump out a rear window.



**James Carson** 

Wanted for Attempted Murder, Kidnapping, Armed Robbery

### **Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On August 23, 2005, members of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) and South Carolina's Operation Intercept fugitive task force located and arrested Jeffery Leahr and Courtney Williams. Leahr, Williams, and two others were wanted in conjunction with a 10 kilogram cocaine transaction that was conducted in Atlanta, Georgia. One defendant has already pleaded guilty and received a 15-year sentence. Additionally, Leahr was wanted by Dekalb County, Georgia for aggravated assault. After being arrested, Leahr and Williams jumped bond and fled the Atlanta area. Their case has ties to a much larger and well-organized drug conspiracy that has roots in major cities across the country. In early August 2005, the Fulton County District Attorney's Office requested the assistance of the SERFTF in locating both Courtney Williams and Jeffery Leahr. In mid-August investigators from SERFTF and the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG) developed information that Williams and Leahr were in the Columbia, South Carolina area. In the early morning of August 23, 200, members of the SERFTF joined members of Operation Intercept and began surveillance of several possible locations for the fugitives. By mid-afternoon, investigators had located both fugitives in an apartment in Columbia, South Carolina. Investigators developed an arrest plan, made entry into the target apartment and arrested both subjects without incident. Leahr had a loaded pistol within inches of his location at the time of his arrest. In addition to the Georgia drug charges, ATF is now preparing a federal firearms case against both of them.



**Courtney Williams** 



Jeffrey Leahr

Wanted for Cocaine Trafficking and Aggravated Assault

## **Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On August 13, 2005, a 15-year-old physically-handicapped teenager and his friend attended a party in North Hollywood, California. departing the party, the pair moved down an alley between streets when words were exchanged with Marcos Bettencourt, a 14-year-old documented member of the "North Hollywood Boyz" gang. Bettencourt asked if the pair knew where they were, to which they replied they did. Bettencourt demanded to know where they were from. After responded that they were not from anywhere, meaning not gang-affiliated, a group of gang members began assaulting the wheelchair-bound victim. As the group assaulted the victim, his friend moved towards the group to assist his friend. The gang immediately struck him and Enrique Diaz, aka "Serio" a reputed "shot caller" within the gang, moved in and placed a pistol to the victim's head, fired a shot and struck him. The suspects then fled the scene. The victim died the next day. North Hollywood Homicide detectives immediately called for assistance from the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF). On August 25, PSWRFTF investigators, with assistance from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG), located and arrested Enrique Diaz in Burbank, California. The PSWRFTF, supported by TOG, continues to pursue the remaining gang members responsible for the deadly assault.

"North Hollywood **Boyz" Street Gang** Member

